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## **Congressman Roscoe Bartlett Hails Commitment to Fort Detrick in President's FY '06 Budget**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-6-MD) said that President Bush's FY '06 Budget submitted today to the Congress "recognizes the preeminent leadership role by Fort Detrick, Maryland in ensuring America's biological defense in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. USAMRIID is continuing to protect America's military as well contributing to protecting American civilians and the homeland in coordination with other federal agencies on its National Biodefense Campus. I am very pleased that the President singled out Fort Detrick's leading efforts in America's and the world's defense and deterrence against biochemical attacks."**

Excerpt from the summary news release about President Bush's FY '06 Budget concerning USAMRIID:

"DOD has increased funding by \$223 million to boost efforts in the areas of agent detection, early warning, decontamination, and medical countermeasures for chemical and biological threats. The Budget proposes funding to modernize and upgrade laboratories belonging to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, which provide world-class scientific research and technical expertise on biological agents, emerging infectious disease agents, and chemical agents. The funding will help these agencies integrate into the interagency National Biodefense Campus, thereby improving our scientific efforts to defend against biological warfare."

Link to President's Bush FY '06 Budget Proposal:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2006/>

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